

for the service rendered by civilian organizations which have contributed directly to improved relationship between members of local military commands and civilian communities. The award may be made in recognition of service rendered over a prolonged period of time, or for a specific one-time program or service considered to be so outstanding as to merit commendation by the Secretary of the Army.

(b) Letter recommendations for issuance of the Special Certificate of Achievement for Public and Community Relations will be submitted to the Chief of Information, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310, through military channels. Recommendations will include a detailed description of the contributions made by the nominee, the inclusive dates of the period during which the contributions were made, and a proposed citation. The value of these contributions to the Army must be clearly indicated. No distinguishing device is authorized for wear by members of the cited organization.

(c) Presentation of the special certificate will be made in a manner commensurate with the significance of the award.

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SERVICE MEDALS

§ 578.26 General.

(a) *Purpose.* Service (campaign) medals denote honorable performance of military duty within specified limiting dates in specified geographical areas. With the exception of the Medal of Humane Action and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal they are awarded only for active Federal military service.

(b) *Awarding.* Awarding of service medals is effected pursuant to announcement of criteria by the Secretary of the Army in Department of the Army Bulletins or General Orders. A service medal thus is automatically awarded to each individual who meets the published criteria. Orders are not required.

(c) *Requisitioning.* Service medals for service prior to World War I will not be requisitioned for display purposes since only minimum essential quantities are

available for issue to authorized recipients.

(d) *Duplicating awards.* Not more than one service medal will be awarded for service involving identical or overlapping periods of time, except that each of the following groups of service medals may be awarded to an individual provided he meets the criteria prescribed hereinafter.

(1) World War I Victory Medal and Mexican Service Medal.

(2) World War II Victory Medal and one or more of the campaign medals for that war.

(3) Medal for Humane Action and Army of Occupation Medal.

(4) National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal.

(5) Armed Forces Reserve Medal and any other service medal listed hereinafter.

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§ 578.27 Good Conduct Medal.

(a) *Purpose.* The Good Conduct Medal, established by Executive Order 8809 and amended by Executive Order 9323 and by Executive Order 10444 is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active Federal military service. It is awarded on a selective basis to each soldier who distinguishes himself from among his fellow soldiers by his exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity while in an enlisted status. There is no right or entitlement to the medal until the immediate commander has made positive recommendation for its award, and until the awarding authority has announced the award in General Orders. To qualify for an award of the Good Conduct Medal, an enlisted person must meet specified criteria throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active Federal military service, as outlined in this section.

(b) *Awarding authority.* General and field grade officer commanders are authorized to award the Good Conduct Medal (original and subsequent awards) to enlisted personnel serving under their command jurisdiction who meet the established criteria. This delegated authority is limited to service during the 36 calendar months immediately

preceding the date of current considerations. Personnel processing installation or activity commanders are prohibited from awarding the Good Conduct Medal to personnel other than members of their own permanent party.

(c) *Special provisions.* (1) Qualifying periods of service must be continuous enlisted active Federal military service. When an interval in excess of 24 hours occurs between enlistments, that portion of service prior to the interruption is not creditable toward an award.

(2) Entry into service as a cadet or midshipman at any United States service academy or discharge from enlisted status for immediate entry on active duty in an officer status is considered termination of service for the purpose of awarding the Good Conduct Medal.

(3) A qualified person scheduled for separation from active Federal military service should receive the award at his last duty station. Such award is authorized up to 30 days prior to the soldier's departure en route to a separation processing installation in CONUS or overseas. Orders announcing such advance awards will indicate the closing date of periods for the award prefixed with "DOSOA" (indicating "Date of separation on or about").

(4) An award made for any authorized period of less than 3 years must be for the total period of obligated active Federal military service.

(5) Discharge under provisions of AR 635-205 for immediate (re) + enlistment is not termination of service.

(6) Retroactive awards will be made only by The Adjutant General after favorable consideration of requests, submitted through channels, which include adequate evidence of injustice.

(d) *Qualifying periods of service.* Any one of the following periods of continuous enlisted active Federal military service qualifies for award of the Good Conduct Medal or of a Clasp, in conjunction with the criteria in paragraph (e) of this section.

(1) Each 3 years completed on or after August 26, 1940.

(2) For first award only, 1 year served entirely during the period December 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946.

(3) For the first award only, upon termination of service on or after June 27,

1950, of less than 3 years but more than 1 year.

(4) For first award only, upon termination of service, on or after June 27, 1950, of less than 1 year when final separation was by reason of physical disability incurred in line of duty.

(e) *Criteria.* Throughout a qualifying period each enlisted person must meet all of the following criteria for an award.

(1) All conduct (character) and efficiency ratings must be recorded as "Excellent" except that:

(i) Ratings of "Unknown" for portions of the period under consideration are not disqualifying.

(ii) Service school efficiency ratings based upon academic proficiency of at least "Good" rendered subsequent to November 22, 1955 are not disqualifying.

(2) No conviction by court-martial during the period.

(3) The individual must not be serving in, nor have been serving at the time of separation in, an assignment of the type designated as "specially controlled duties" in AR 604-10.

(f) *Basis for recommendation.* Recommendation by the individual's immediate unit commander is required for award of the Good Conduct Medal by the approving authority. Such commander's recommendation will be based on his personal knowledge and on the individual's official records for periods of service under prior commanders during the period for which the award is to be made. The lack of official disqualifying comment by such previous commanders qualifies the use of such periods toward the award by current commander.

(g) *Clasp.* A good Conduct Medal Clasp is awarded for wear on the Good Conduct Medal suspension ribbon and service ribbon to denote a second or subsequent award of the medal. Not more than one Good Conduction Medal may be awarded to any one person.

(h) *Presentation.* Presentation of the Good Conduct Medal to military personnel may be made at troop formations.

(i) *Description.* The Good Conduct Medal of bronze is 1¼ inches in diameter. On the obverse is an eagle standing

on a closed book and Roman sword, encircled by the words "Efficiency-Honor-Fidelity." On the reverse is a five-pointed star and a scroll between the words "For Good" and "Conduct," surrounded by a wreath formed by a laurel branch on the left and an oak branch on the right. The medal is suspended by a ring from a silk moire ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches long and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide composed of stripes of red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), white ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), white ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), white ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), red ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch), white ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), white ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), white ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), and red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch).

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§ 578.28 Civil War Campaign Medal.

Established by WD General Orders 12, 1907.

(a) *Description.* The medal of bronze is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is the head of Lincoln, nearly in profile, facing sinister, surrounded by the words "With malice toward none, with charity for all." On the reverse are the words "The Civil War," and below this the dates "1861-1865," surrounded by a wreath formed by a branch of oak on the left and a branch of olive on the right, the stems joined at the bottom by a conventional knot. The medal is suspended by a ring from a silk moire ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width composed of a blue band ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch) and a gray band ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch).

(b) *Requirements.* Service between April 15, 1861, and April 9, 1865, or in Texas between April 15, 1861, and August 20, 1866.

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§ 578.29 Indian Campaign Medal.

Established by WD General Orders 12, 1907.

(a) *Description.* The medal of bronze is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is a mounted Indian facing sinister, wearing a war bonnet, and carrying a spear in his right hand. Above the horseman are the words "Indian Wars," and below, on either side of a buffalo skull, the circle is completed by arrowheads, conventionally arranged. On the reverse is a trophy, composed of an

eagle perched on a cannon supported by crossed flags, rifles, an Indian shield, spear, and quiver of arrows, a Cuban machete, and a Sulu kriss. Below the trophy are the words "For Service." The whole is surrounded by a circle composed of the words "United States Army" in the upper half and thirteen stars in the lower half. The medal is suspended by a ring from a silk moire ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width composed of a red stripe ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch), black stripe ($\frac{3}{16}$ inch), red band ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch), black stripe ($\frac{3}{16}$ inch), and red stripe ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch).

(b) *Requirements.* Service in any of the following campaigns:

(1) Southern Oregon, Idaho, northern California, and Nevada between 1865 and 1868.

(2) Against the Comanches and confederate tribes in Kansas, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and Indian Territory between 1867 and 1875.

(3) Modoc War between 1872 and 1873.

(4) Against the Apaches in Arizona in 1873.

(5) Against the Northern Cheyennes and Sioux between 1876 and 1877.

(6) Nez Perce War in 1877.

(7) Bannock War in 1878.

(8) Against the Northern Cheyennes between 1878 and 1879.

(9) Against the Sheep-Eaters, Piutes, and Bannocks between June and October, 1879.

(10) Against the Utes in Colorado and Utah between September 1879 and November 1880.

(11) Against the Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico between 1885 and 1886.

(12) Against the Sioux in South Dakota between November 1890 and January 1891.

(13) Against hostile Indians in any other action in which United States troops were killed or wounded between 1865 and 1891.

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§ 578.30 Spanish Campaign Medal.

Established by WD General Orders 5, 1905.

(a) *Description.* The medal of bronze is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is a conventional castle with the addition of two round-corner towers within a circle composed of the words "War with Spain" in the upper half and in